## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-15, 17-18 and 25-28 were pending. Claims 1-15, 17-18 and 25-28 were rejected, but would be allowable if deficiencies are corrected. In this response, claims 1, 6, and 25-28 have been amended. No new claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

## **Amendments**

Amendments to the Claims

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

## Claims 1-15, 17-18, and 25-28

Claims 1-15, 17-18 and 25-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' invention as claimed in claims 1-15. 17-18 and 25-28, as amended, is definite in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Specifically, independent claims 1, 6 and 25-28 have been amended pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions to recite claim limitations as positive steps that perform the underlying process. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 6 and 25-28, as amended, are definite in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Given that claims 2-5, 7-15 and 17-18 depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 7-15 and 17-18 are also definite in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

## **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-15, 17-18 and 25-28 would contain allowable subject matter if the deficiencies stated in the Office Action are corrected. Applicant respectfully submitted that all deficiencies are corrected in claims 1-15, 17-18 and 25-28, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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